

Cape Ann Transportation Authority
Advisory Board Minutes
Meeting 9:30am Friday, April 12, 2019

Attendance: Jim Destino, Mitch Vieira, Felicia Webb, Stephanie Jackson, Laurel Eisenhauer, Tony Marino, Jackie LaFlam, Bob Ryan,

Call to order by Jim Destino 9:30am

Tony Marino: Moved to accept Minutes for December 2018, January 2019, and February 2019

Mitch Vieira: Seconded

All in Favor

Jim Destino: I am going to ask that we discuss the Administration Position, applications, and the process until after this meeting.

Jim Destino mentioned that Gloucester sends the Council President to the RTA Task Force. There is a report that Felicia will send to everyone on the Board. We will put the Task Force discussion on the agenda for the next meeting with the budget.

Dialysis/Medical Grant: Felicia said CATA is planning to apply for a Mass DOT grant for \$90 - \$100,000 for out of town dialysis transportation for all four communities. Other medical appointments can be added to fill the van not just dialysis. This is an option so the clients won't have to use bus, commuter rail, and buses to appointments. It will be door to door service, dial-a-ride (not ADA). There was a general discussion about the grant amongst the board members and they agreed it was a good idea.

Employment Shuttle: CATA met with Gortons, AGH, and Applied Materials about an employment shuttle from the MBTA to the employers' locations, all were productive conversations. It is a valuable service, but will cost around \$100,000 for a year of service. There was a general discussion about the employment shuttle and Jim Destino requested an update be provided at the next board meeting.

Electric Bus: CATA had a Proterra electric bus visit a few weeks ago and about 30 people showed up. It was a good visit, good reception from the group. Proterra has offered to loan CATA a bus for about a week in June. It would be used on local routes, the Saturday Mall bus, and the Rockport Shuttle (if it fits). There would be no fare charged. There was a general discussion about the electric bus. The board agreed it was a good idea to begin exploring electric vehicles as CATA prepares to replace vehicles.

Went into Executive session about the Administrators Position.

Jim Destino: Motioned to adjourn at 10:30 am

Seconded Mitchell Vieira

All in Favor